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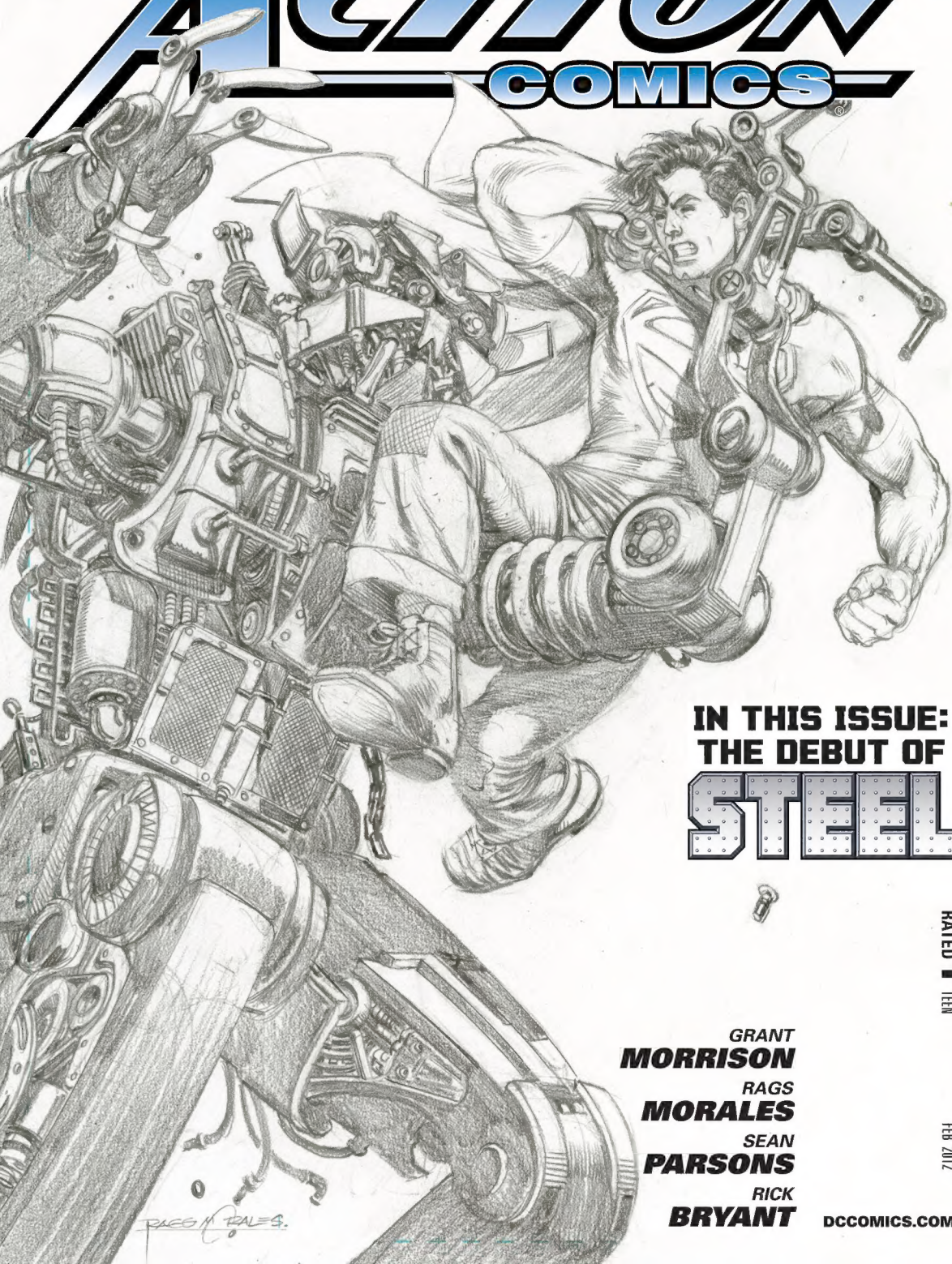


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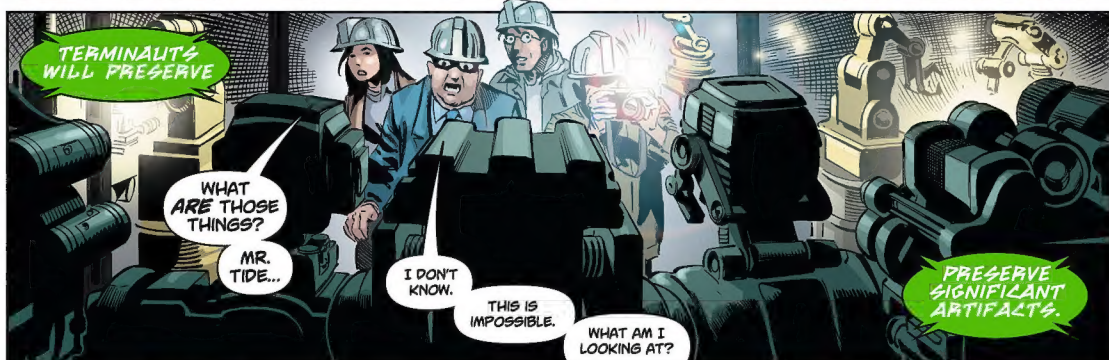
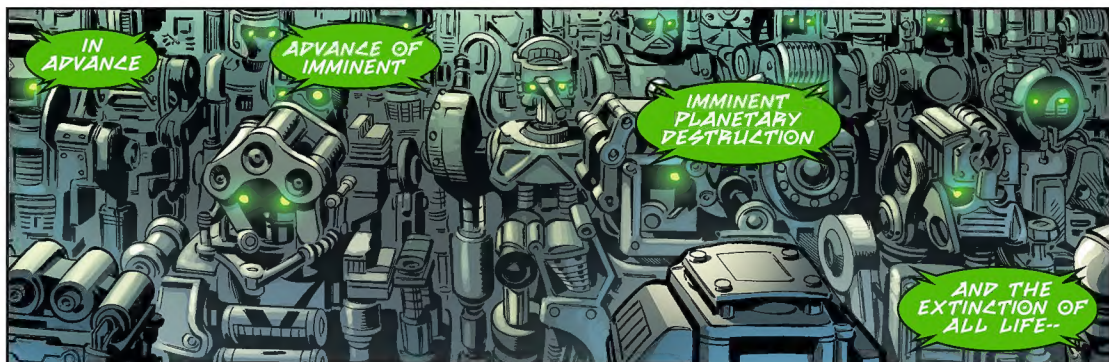
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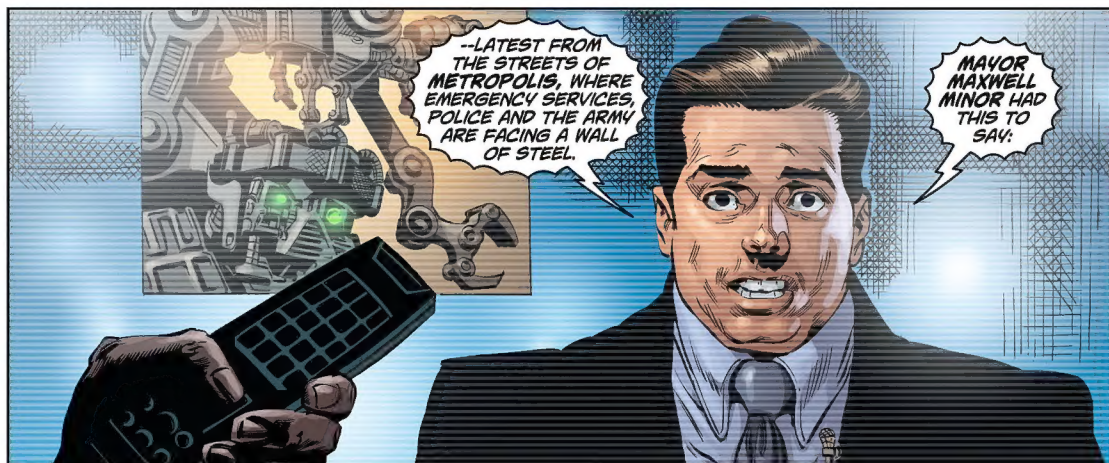
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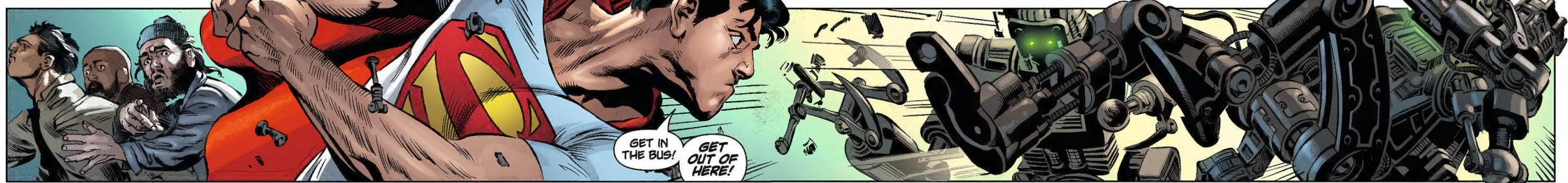
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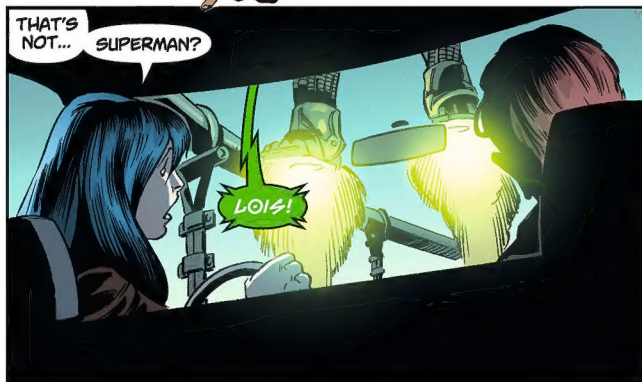
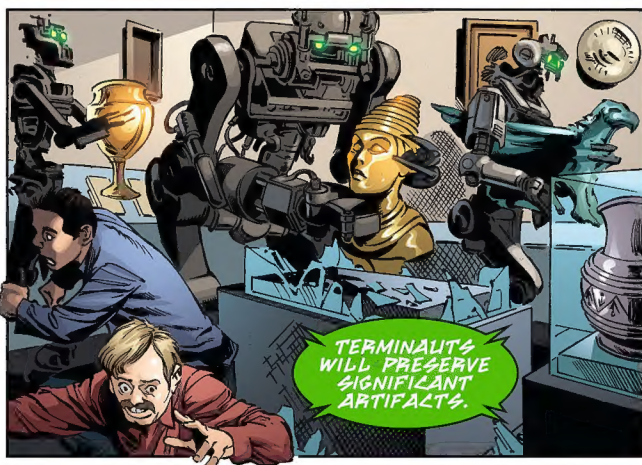


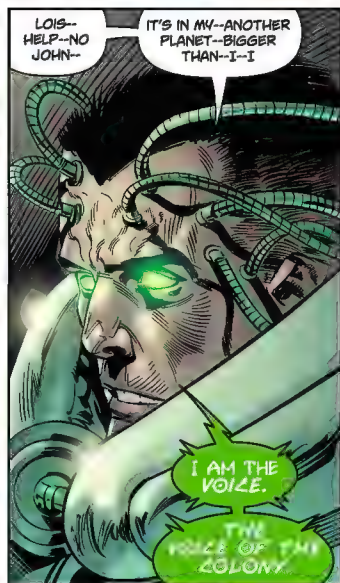
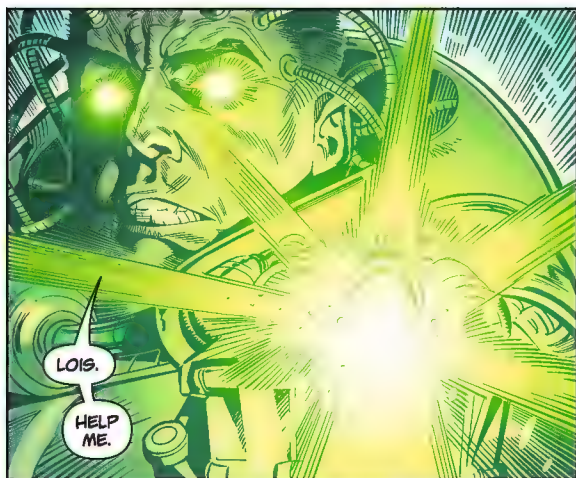
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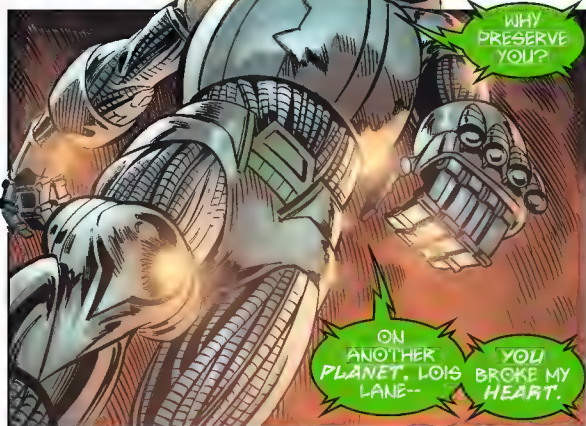
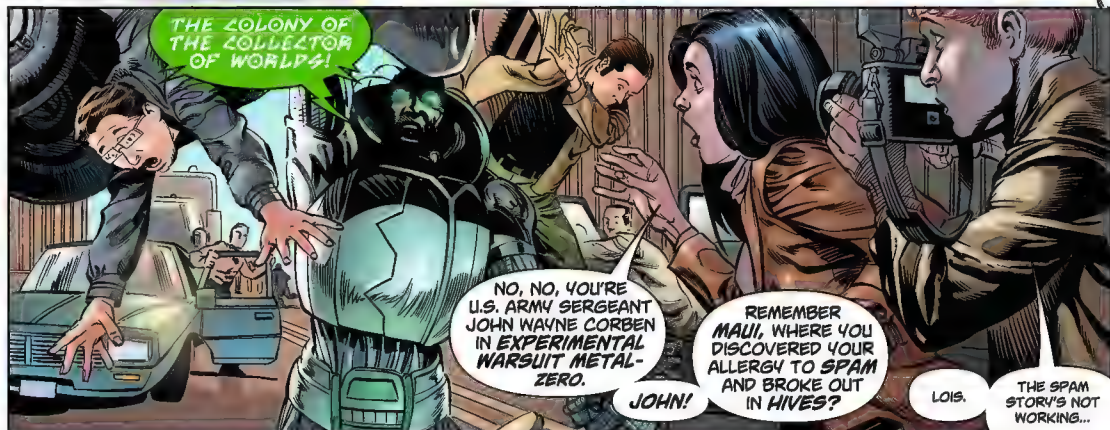


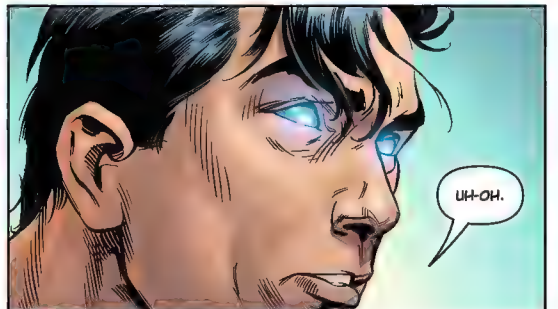
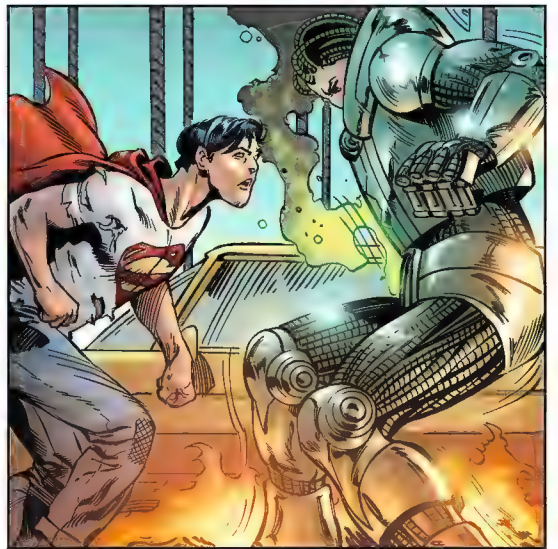
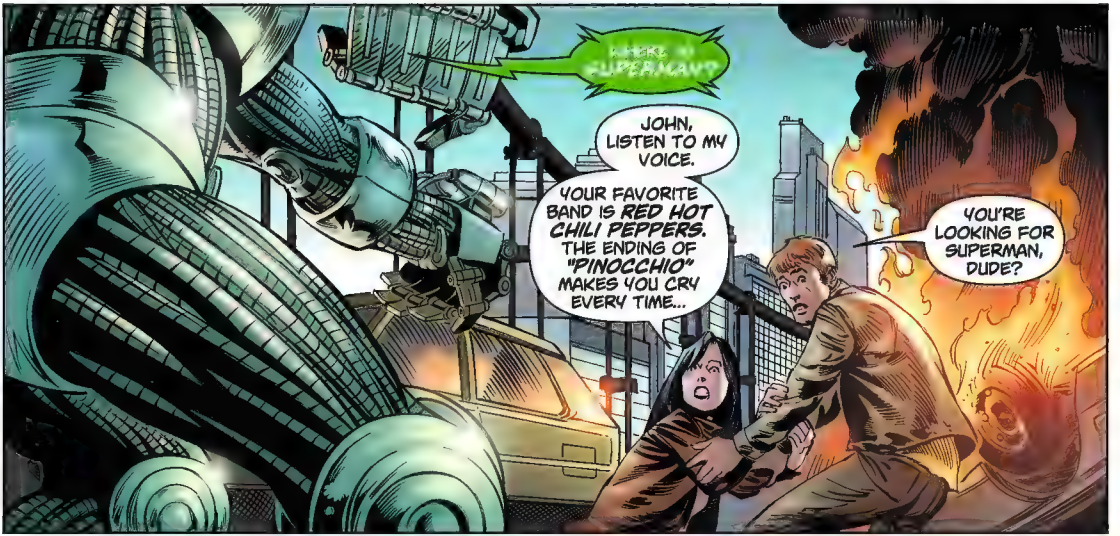


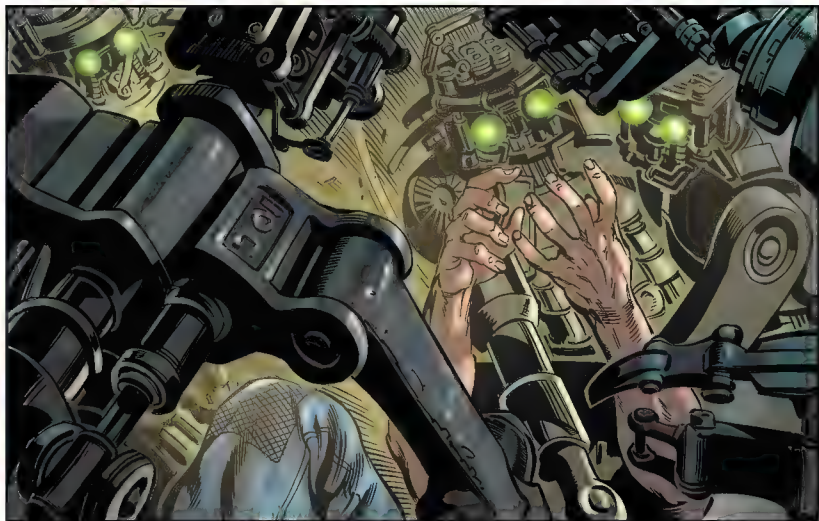
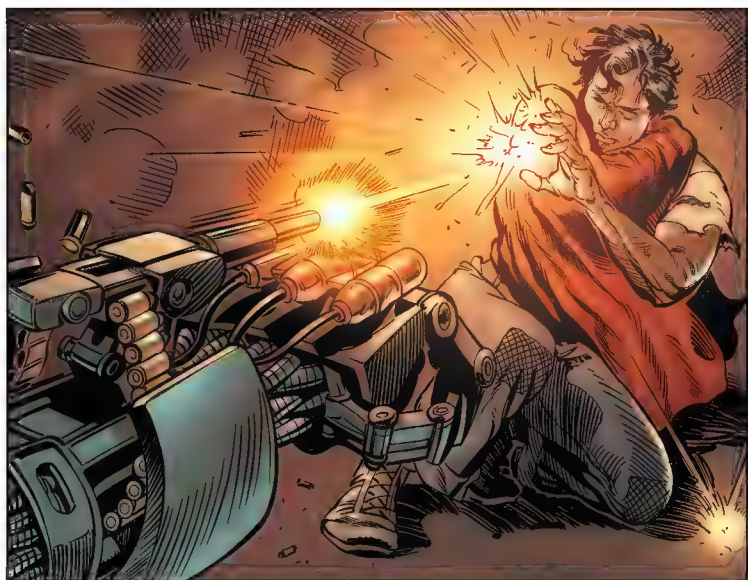


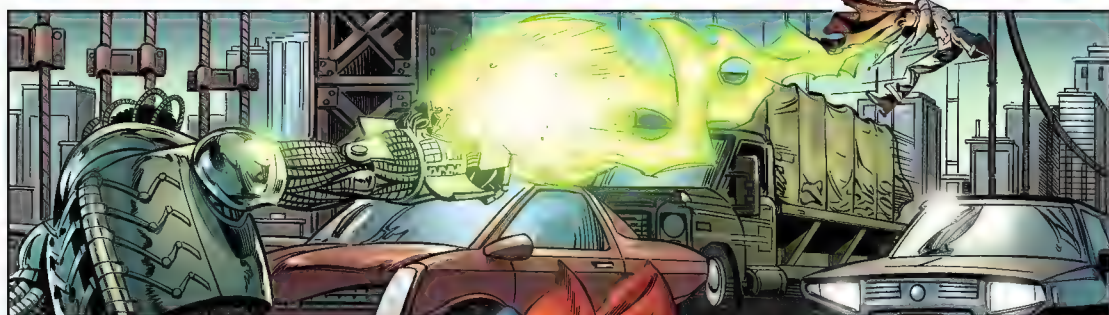


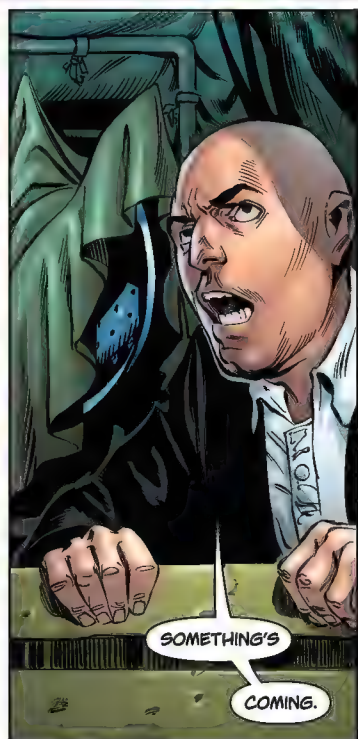
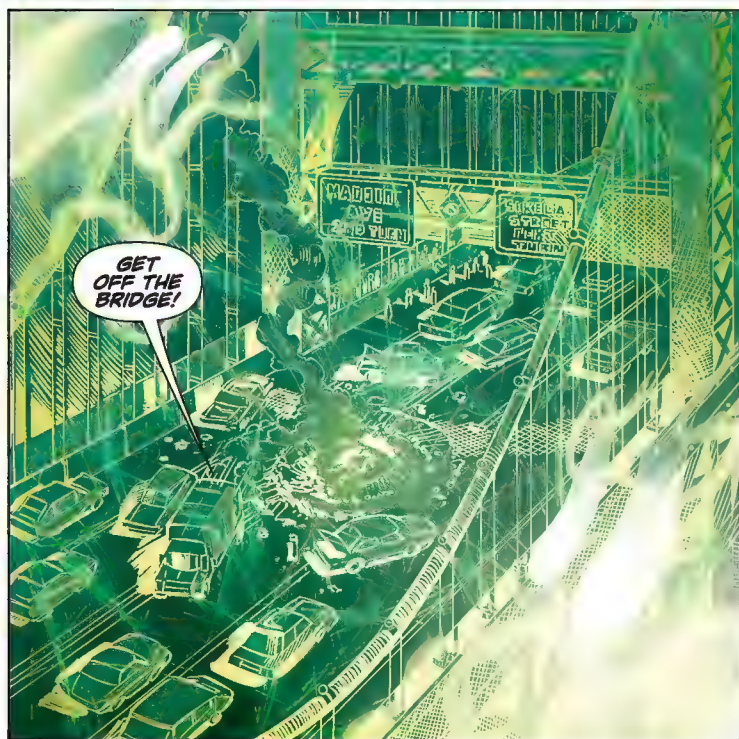
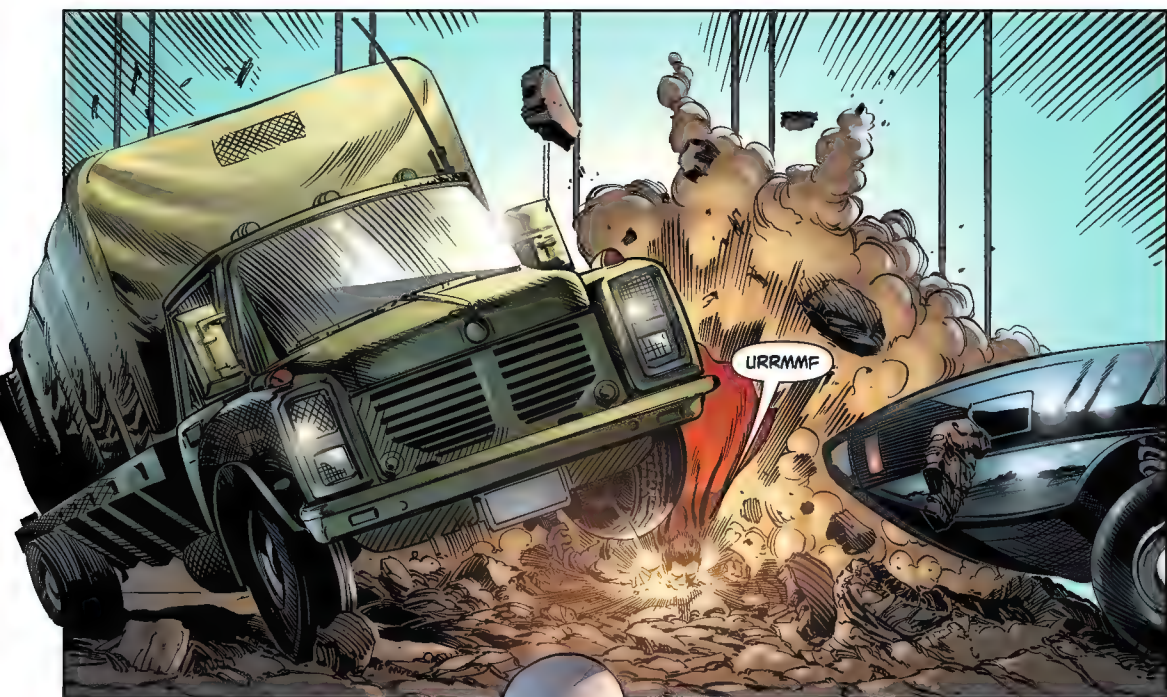


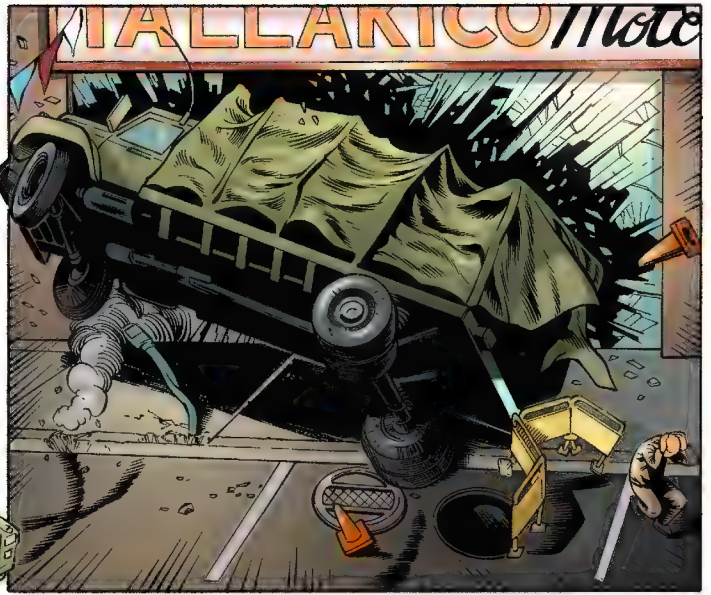
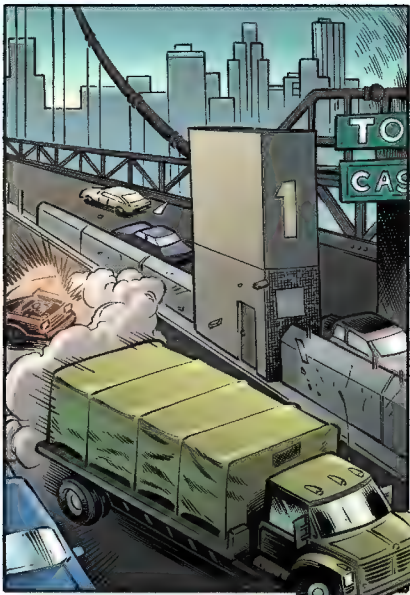


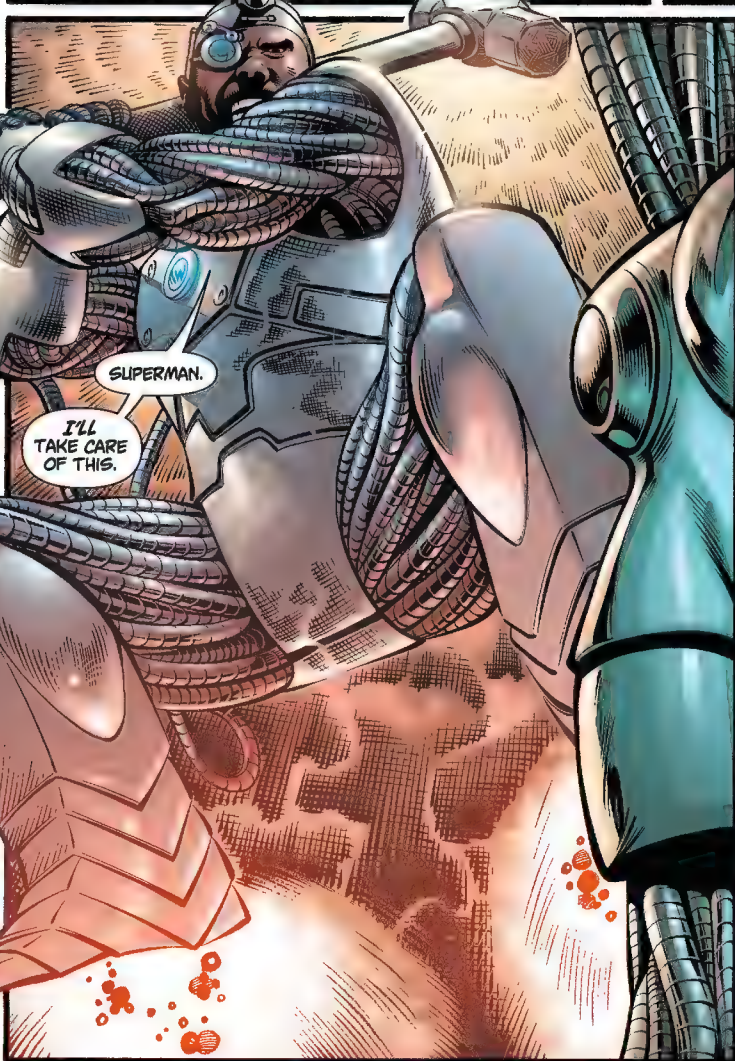






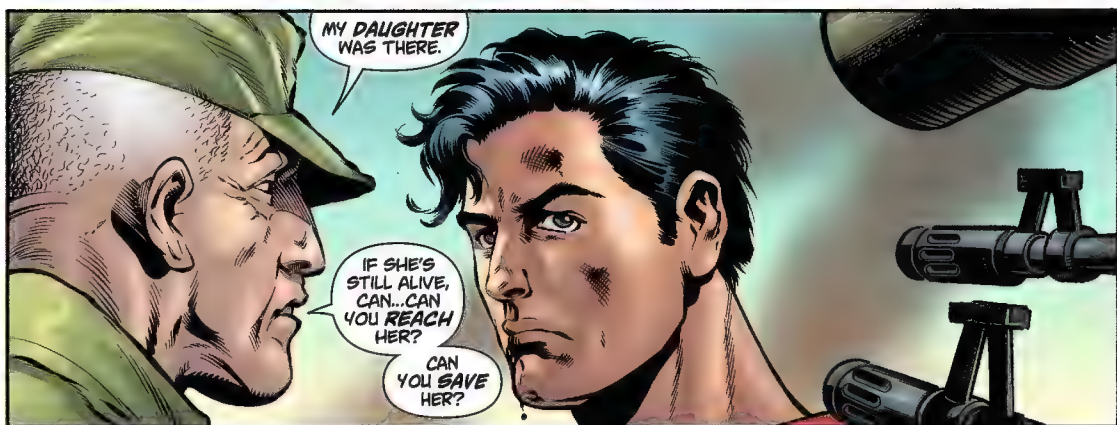
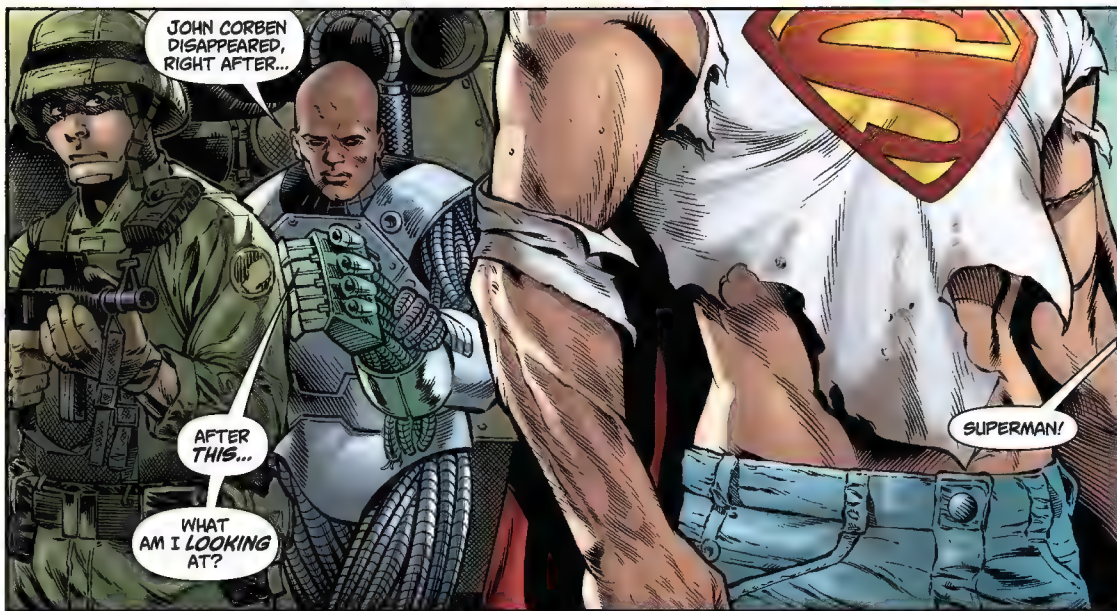














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NEXT: INTERLUDE: ROCKET SONG

S ALL MY LIFE,
I'VE BEEN INSPIRED
BY HEROES.

YEARS AGO IN
GRAD SCHOOL, IT
WAS RICHARD
FEYNMAN.

NOT JUST BECAUSE FEYNMAN
WAS A NOBEL-WINNING
PHYSICIST WHO WORKED ON
THE MANHATTAN PROJECT
AND SOLVED THE MYSTERY
OF THE CHALLENGER
DISASTER--

$MV = MO / \beta$
 $= 1.09737343 \text{ ET } M$
 $EP = HF = HC / \lambda =$
 $E = MC^2$
 $A \times B \times C$
 $(6X + 6)DX$
 $+ 3XZ + 6X$

--BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE
PLAYED THE BONGOS
AND CRACKED SAFE
COMBINATIONS FOR
FUN.

COOLEST GUY
ON EARTH.

LIKE FEYNMAN, I
WANTED TO SERVE MY
COUNTRY--AND MY
WORLD.

I CREATED METAL-ZERO
TO PROTECT THE EARTH
AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY
OF ALIEN INVASION.

BUT IT ALL
WENT BAD
AFTER LEX
LUTHOR GOT
INVOLVED.
AFTER ALL, AS
ANYONE CAN
TELL AT A
GLANCE--

S --LEX LUTHOR HAS
NEVER PLAYED THE
BONGOS.

SUPERMAN.

I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF THIS.

Hearts of STEEL

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5 WHEN I WAS BORN, MY PARENTS EVEN NAMED ME AFTER A HERO. JOHN HENRY, THE LEGENDARY STEEL-DRIVING MAN.

CORBEN,
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU?

I HATED THAT NAME AT
FIRST--ALONG WITH ALL
OF THE PLAYGROUND
TAUNTS THAT CAME
WITH IT.

IT WASN'T UNTIL AFTER
MY PARENTS DIED THAT
I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD
WHY THEY CHOSE MY
NAME. THEY WANTED ME
TO GROW UP TO BE LIKE
JOHN HENRY.

I'LL BE
YOUR
VOICE.

TO ALWAYS DO
MY BEST--

--AND NEVER
BACK DOWN FROM
A CHALLENGE.

I DON'T
KNOW WHO'S
IN CHARGE
IN THERE,
JOHN.

BUT I
DESIGNED
AND BUILT THIS
WARSUIT YOU'RE
WEARING.

AND I'M
**TAKING IT
APART!**

ESPECIALLY



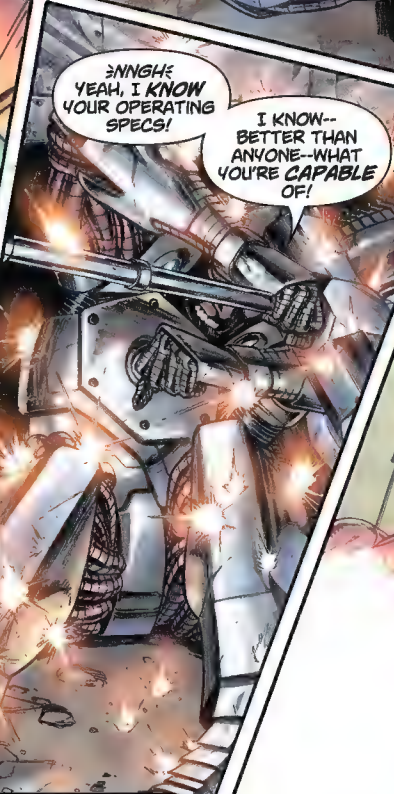
MY DESIGN
CAN PROCESS
TWO HUNDRED
TERABYTES OF DATA
PER SECOND.



YOUR
HUMAN REACTION
TIME IS PITIFUL BY
COMPARISON.

**BRRRRAT.
ATATATATAT.
ATATATATA**

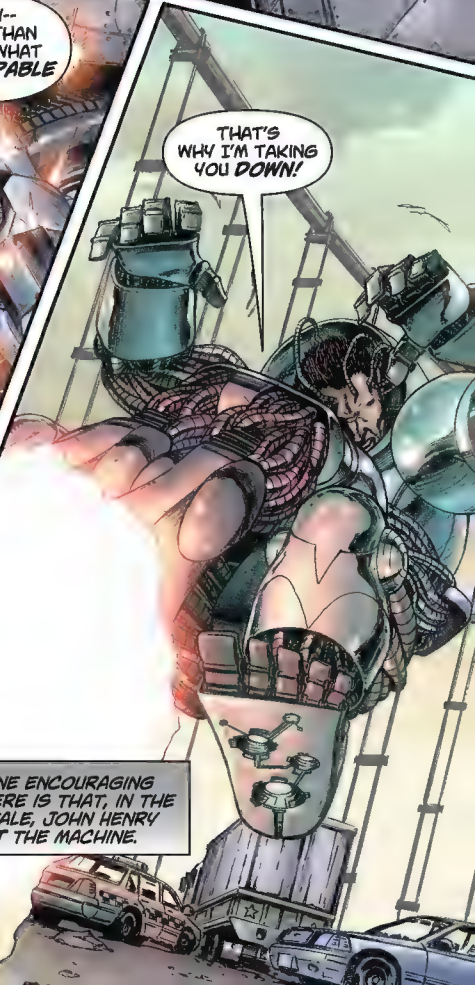
OKAY, WHATEVER
THAT THING HAS
BECOME, IT'S NOT
JOHN CORBEN
ANYMORE.



3NNNGH
YEAH, I KNOW
YOUR OPERATING
SPECS!

I KNOW--
BETTER THAN
ANYONE--WHAT
YOU'RE CAPABLE
OF!

THE IRONY ISN'T
LOST ON ME: "JOHN
HENRY" FIGHTING A
MACHINE.



THAT'S
WHY I'M TAKING
YOU DOWN!

THE ONE ENCOURAGING
THING HERE IS THAT, IN THE
FOLK TALE, JOHN HENRY
BEAT THE MACHINE.

5 OF COURSE, HE HAD TO DIE TO DO IT.

KRAAANNNGGG

YOUR AWARENESS OF MY CAPABILITIES RENDERS YOUR CONTINUED ACTIONS ALL THE MORE ILLOGICAL.

ARRRRRGGGHHH!

YOU ATTEMPT TO SHIELD YOURSELF IN STEEL. HOWEVER, I AM STEEL--

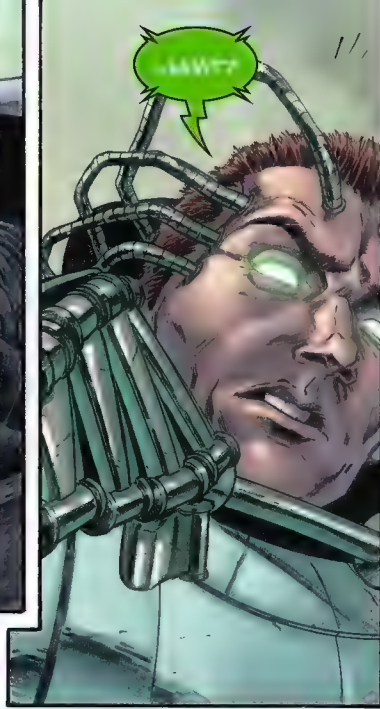
--WHEREAS YOU ARE MERELY FLESH!

HOW DID YOU HOPE TO SURVIVE?



OH, I
CAN DO **MORE**
THAN SURVIVE.
ACTUALLY--

--I BEAT
YOU **TWO**
MINUTES
AGO.



...WWW?



"METAL-ZERO" IS
AN **EXPERIMENTAL**
WEAPONS SYSTEM.
DO YOU REALLY THINK
I WOULDN'T BUILD IN A
FAIL-SAFE?

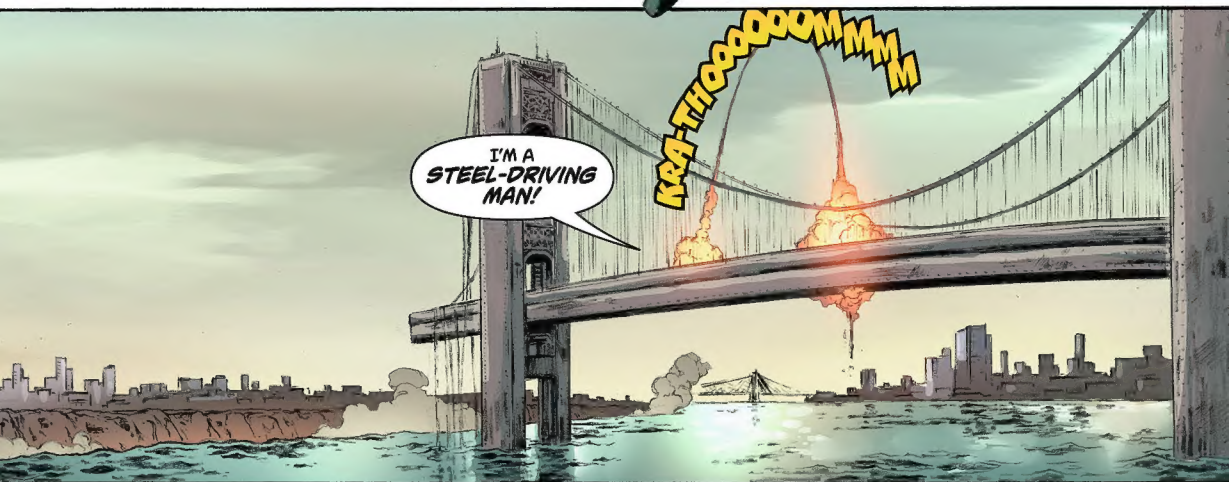
I **DESIGNED**
YOUR "TWO HUNDRED
TERABYTE PER SECOND"
C.P.U., COMPLETE WITH AN
EXTERNAL U.S.B. PORT
FOR INSTANTANEOUS
DATA UPLOAD--



--SAY, FROM A
FLASH DRIVE WITH
AN **AUTOLOADING**
VIRUS!

YOU CAN
FEEL IT, CAN'T
YOU? RIGHT ABOUT
NOW, THE VIRUS
IS **CRASHING**
YOUR MOTOR
SYSTEMS.

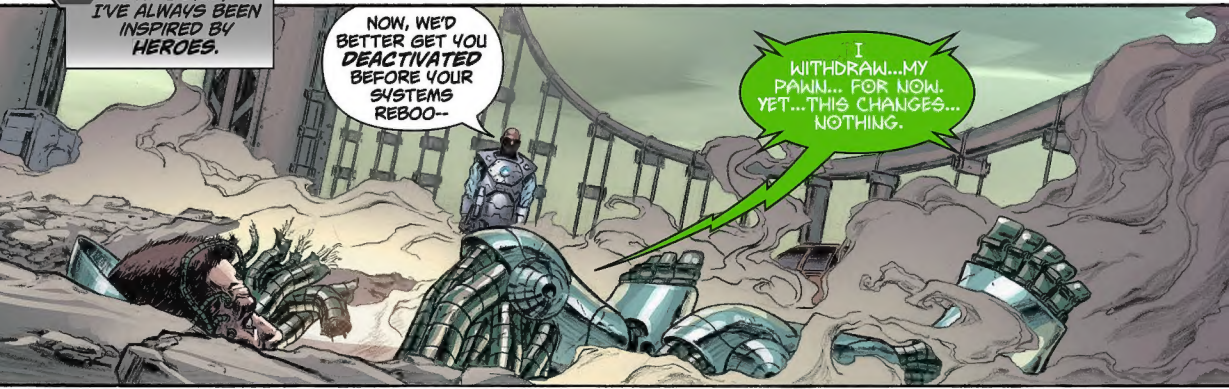




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LIKE I SAID,
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INSPIRED BY
HEROES.

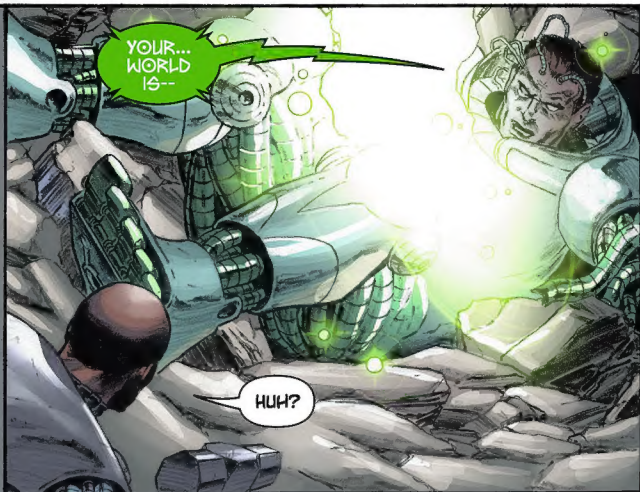
NOW, WE'D
BETTER GET YOU
DEACTIVATED
BEFORE YOUR
SYSTEMS
REBOO--

I
WITHDRAW...MY
PAWN... FOR NOW.
YET...THIS CHANGES...
NOTHING.



YOUR...
WORLD
IS--

HUH?



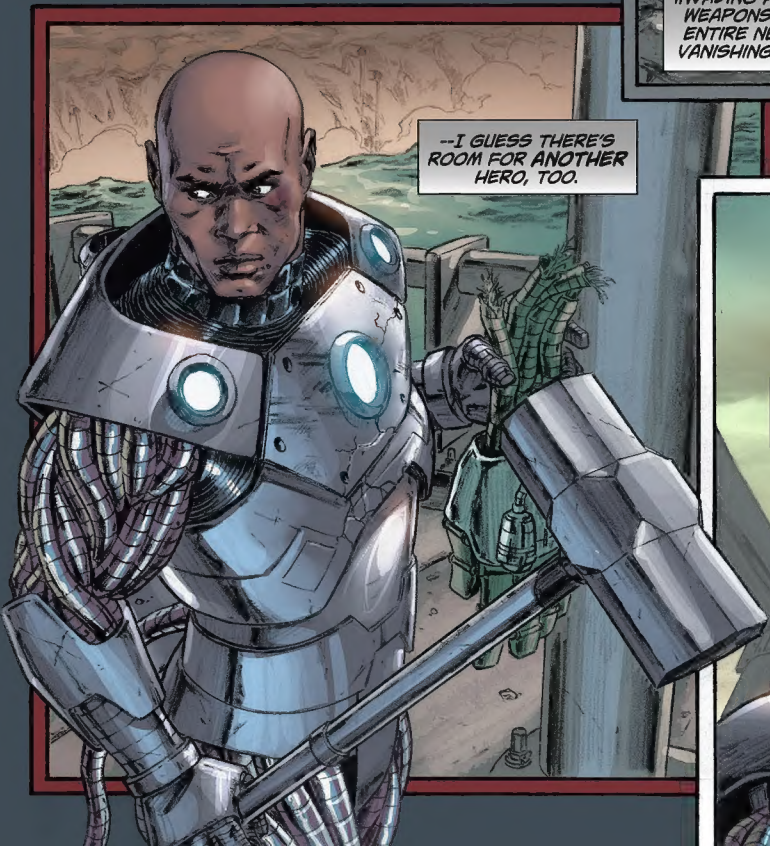
--MINE!

HERE IN
METROPOLIS, WE'VE
GOT SUPERMAN
NOW.

BUT BETWEEN
INVADING ALIENS, RUNAWAY
WEAPONS SYSTEMS, AND
ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS
VANISHING INTO THIN AIR--



--I GUESS THERE'S
ROOM FOR ANOTHER
HERO, TOO.



MAYBE I SHOULD
HAVE BROUGHT
SOME BONGOS.



END

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